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Progressive Journalists of the Five Continents, Wield Your Powerful Revolutionary Pen and Sternly Condemn U.S. Imperialism

Congratulatory Speech of Comrade KIM IL SUNG

at the International Conference on the Tasks of Journalists of the Whole World in Their Fight against the Aggression of U.S. Imperialism

(All rise. Prolonged, thunderous applause.)

Dear Delegates!

Comrades and Friends!

Expressing the lofty idea and unanimous desire of the journalists of the five continents, who oppose imperialism and colonialism and strive for national independence and social progress, this International Conference of Journalists has been convened amid the great concern of the revolutionary peoples of the whole world. It gives us a great pleasure that in Pyongyang, the capital of our country, a meeting of true representatives of the progressive press of the world has been convened under the revolutionary banner of the anti-imperialist, anti-U.S. struggle. **(Applause.)** On behalf of the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, I warmly welcome the representatives of the progressive journalists who have come to attend this Conference from Asia, Africa, Latin America, Oceania and Europe. **(Thunderous applause.)**

Comrades and Friends!

Today we are living in a glorious age of revolutionary change when the colonial system of imperialism is crumbling beyond retrieve, in a grandiose historic age when the national-liberation revolution of the oppressed peoples is gaining great victories.

A fierce struggle is going on in the international arena today between socialism and imperialism, between revolutionary forces and counter-revolutionary forces.

In this struggle the socialist and peace-loving forces are winning victory after victory, and the imperialist forces of aggression are falling into decay and ruin.

The times are past when a handful of imperialist billionaires swaggered about and lorded it

over the earth, exploiting and plundering mankind at will; and the face of the world has radically changed.

In the world arena, along with the revolutionary struggle of the people in the socialist countries, the liberation struggle of the people in the colonial and dependent countries is forging ahead vigorously. Today, in the vast areas of Asia, Africa and Latin America mighty floodtides of the movement for national-liberation revolution are surging with an irresistible force, and great revolutionary storms are sweeping across those continents, wiping out imperialism and colonialism. Hundreds of millions of people in those areas, oppressed and plundered by imperialism for centuries, have thrown off the cursed yoke of colonialism and imposingly risen to emerge on the new arena of history as heroes; they are achieving brilliant victories in their great cause of tearing down the old system of imperialism and colonialism and carving out a new life. **(Applause.)** The peoples of the countries still groaning under the colonial yoke of imperialism are heroically fighting in arms against the aggressive forces of foreign imperialism. Under the powerful impact of the national-liberation movement the chains of colonial slavery are falling apart everywhere, and the colonial system of imperialism which has spelled so many miseries and sufferings for humanity is crumbling to dust. There no longer exists any "safe rear" or "quiet backyard" for the imperialists, and imperialism is breathing its last. **(Applause.)**

Also, gaining further in strength is the revolutionary struggle of the working class and working people in the capitalist countries for their vital rights and democratic freedom against oppression and exploitation by capital. This struggle sends the blood-thirsty imperialists atremble with apprehension and horror. **(Applause.)**

In the imperialist world the political and economic crises are getting ever more serious day after day, and the contradictions between the imperialist powers in their struggle for markets and spheres of influence are growing more acute.

The imperialists are hard hit from within and without, and driven further into a blind alley.

In spite of the turns and twists and temporary failures and setbacks in the course of the advance

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of the revolution, the general trend of developments still remains favorable to socialism and the forces of revolution and unfavorable to imperialism and the forces of reaction. **(Applause.)**

However, the imperialists headed by the U.S. imperialists will never quit the arena of history of their own accord. Dreaming of its old positions, imperialism is making desperate efforts to recover its lost footholds and is trying to find a way out in aggression and war to save itself from the doom.

Resorting to open violence, the U.S. imperialists are perpetrating aggressive acts against the socialist countries and independent national states, brutally suppressing the national-liberation movement of the Asian, African and Latin American peoples and viciously disturbing peace in all parts of the world. While continuing a barbarous war of holocaust against the South Vietnamese people for a number of years, the U.S. imperialists are perpetrating brigandish acts of aggression against the Democratic Republic of Vietnam. They are making frenzied attempts to strangle the Republic of Cuba, the first country to win the socialist revolution in the Western Hemisphere and the beacon of hope for the Latin American peoples. The U.S. imperialists are stepping up their armed intervention in Laos and are ceaselessly egging the Zionists on to acts of aggression and war against the Arab peoples in the Middle and Near East. The U.S. imperialists are again creating dangerous hotbeds of a new war in Asia and Europe by rearming Japanese militarism and West German militarism.

The imperialists headed by the U.S. imperialists put up the show of advocating "independence" and "freedom" for the peoples, but, in reality, they are making frantic efforts to maintain their colonial rule in a more crafty and underhand way, and are plotting absurdly to catch again the peoples of the newly-independent countries in a noose of neo-colonialism.

They are pursuing the colonial subjugation policy in many of the Asian, African and Latin American countries by bribing and whipping up the Right-wing circles comprising such as the military top brass and representatives of the tribal upper crust who have turned reactionary. When the puppets they have put in power get in the way of carrying out their colonial policy even in the slightest degree, the imperialists engineer a reactionary military coup and establish a military fascist dictatorship, and even perpetrate open armed intervention without hesitation. Such heinous plots and manoeuvrings on the part of the imperialists constitute a standing menace and blackmail to the new-born independent countries, and have caused not a few governments to degrade into colonial ruling machines of imperialism, thereby diverting those countries to the Right and tying them down virtually to the status of colony or semi-colony.

The economic subordination policy of the imperialists towards the developing countries is one of the most salient features of neo-colonialism. Today U.S. imperialism is using the "aid" policy as a major tool of overseas expansion under the ostentatious signboard of "joint development of underdeveloped countries" and, through the so-called "aid," it is paving the way for overseas infiltration of monopoly capital. By means of exporting huge amounts of capital and obtaining various colonial concessions, the imperialists have seized hold of the levers of control of the economy in many countries of the world. Thus, the monopoly capital of imperialism continues to ruthlessly rob those countries of their rich natural resources and their industrious people of the fruits of their labour. Through "economic aid" the imperialists are not only holding back the development of an independent national economy in the backward countries, but also are flagrantly interfering in their internal affairs and reducing their political independence to nothing but a mere name.

Together with economic infiltration, ideological and cultural infiltration is also an important means of neo-colonialism. By intensifying their reactionary ideological and cultural offensive against a number of countries under the spurious names of "peace corps," "African crossroad programme," etc., the U.S. imperialists are paralyzing the consciousness of national independence and revolutionary consciousness of the peoples of those countries, instilling in them U.S. worship and anti-communist ideas, imbuing them with national nihilism, disseminating among them corrupt immorality and depravity of the Yankee brand and continuing with wrecking and subversive activities behind the screen of "peace."

Under the signboard of "anti-communism" and "mutual security," the imperialists led by the U.S. imperialists have enmeshed a number of countries in aggressive military blocs, bilateral military alliances and military treaties, subordinating those countries militarily and turning them into their colonies and military bases.

By means of this neo-colonialist manipulation, U.S. imperialism has seized the hegemony of the capitalist world in place of the old colonialists and emerged as the colonial "emperor" after the second world war, and has stretched out its black claws of aggression to all parts of the world.

There is not a country on this earth today, whether Asian, African or Latin American, big or small, that is free from U.S. imperialism's tentacles of aggression and from the menace of its aggression.

All this proves ever more clearly that U.S. imperialism is the most barbarous and shameless aggressor of modern times, the main force of aggression and war, the chieftain of world reaction, the bulwark of modern colonialism, the strangler of the national liberation and independence, and the disturber of world peace.

The present situation demands that the revolutionary peoples of the five continents fight more resolutely against imperialism, against new and old colonialism, and concentrate their attack on U.S. imperialism in particular. Without the struggle against U.S. imperialism, neither peace nor national independence, nor the victory of democracy and socialism is conceivable today.

The revolutionary peoples of the whole world should put strong pressure on the imperialists headed by the U.S. imperialists from all sides and tie them hand and foot so that they cannot cut up rough. **(Loud applause.)**

In this the peoples of the socialist countries, before anyone else, should play a big role. The peoples of the socialist countries should not only expedite the building of socialism and communism vigorously in their own countries, exercising vigilance to smash the subversive activities and sabotages of the imperialists and the remnants of the overthrown exploiting classes, but also regard it as an internationalist duty to render active support to the national-liberation movement, proceeding from the Marxist-Leninist sense of revolutionary ethics. The socialist countries, as bases of the world revolution, should resolutely oppose the war policy of the imperialists and their colonial predatory policy, and assist the oppressed nations energetically in all their revolutionary struggles. This will strengthen the allied forces of the socialist countries and the international working class, and is the way to hastening the common victory in the anti-imperialist revolutionary struggle. **(Applause.)**

Together with the peoples of the socialist countries, the working class in the capitalist countries, too, should fight more vigorously against imperialism and thereby render powerful support and encouragement to the liberation movement of the oppressed nations. The working class of the suzerain states and the oppressed nations in the colonies are in the same positions. The imperialists make every effort to estrange the working class of the metropolitan countries from the peoples in the colonies in order to strengthen their plunder and exploitation of the peoples in colonial and dependent countries. They manoeuvre to poison the working class by the stinking ideas of racialism and national chauvinism and to disorganize the militant ranks of the working class from within by bribing the labour aristocrats with a portion of the superprofits they have raked up in the colonies. The working class of the suzerain countries must thoroughly smash this underhand trick of the imperialists and fight stoutly against their aggression and plunder of colonial and dependent countries. Besides, they must fully support the right of the peoples in the colonial and dependent countries to complete independence and wage the revolutionary struggle more energetically for the overthrow of the old system. This is the way for the working class of the capitalist countries to achieve their class emancipation and contribute to the national-liberation movement in colonies. **(Applause.)**

Colonies are the life line of the imperialists and their last strong points. The imperialists will not give away their colonies of their own accord, nor will they make a gift of independence. The peoples of colonial countries must unite their strength and wage a resolute and do-or-die struggle to drive out the imperialists and win complete freedom and independence. **(Applause.)**

The newly-independent countries that have thrown off the yoke of imperialism are confronted with the weighty task of safeguarding their national independence, carrying forward the revolution, and assisting the liberation struggle of the peoples of the countries still in imperialist fetters. The peoples who have won independence must abrogate all the shackling treaties and agreements and military alliances concluded with the imperialists; liquidate the political and economic footholds which foreign imperialists and their accomplices —domestic reactionary forces—can rely on in their underhand manoeuvres; rally the revolutionary forces to effect the revolutionary reform of society. Especially, they must clearly see through the true nature of the neo-colonialist policy pursued by the imperialists in all political, economic, military and cultural domains and thoroughly expose and frustrate it, and should not be caught again in their trap. Only by so doing can they reliably defend their revolutionary gains, achieve national prosperity and contribute to the common cause of the peoples of the whole world to entomb imperialism. **(Applause.)**

Today, the international democratic movement and the peace movement hold a very important place in the common anti-imperialist, anti-U.S. front. These movements unite under them hundreds of millions of working people and progressive personalities of the world. The peace-loving people of the whole world must fight more stubbornly for a lasting peace and a bright future of mankind and for checking and frustrating the imperialist policy of aggression and war.

When all the revolutionary forces of the world vigorously wage the anti-imperialist, anti-U.S. struggle on every front they hold, imperialism will be wiped out once for good and the peoples of all countries will come to achieve genuine national independence and social progress. **(Thunderous applause.)**

Esteemed Delegates!

As you see, the current International Conference of Journalists is opened at a grave moment when the U.S. imperialists have become more rabid in their aggressive manoeuvrings and the revolutionary peoples of the world are confronted with the weighty historic task of combating U.S. imperialism more resolutely than ever before. It is very timely and fully conforms to the aspirations of the revolutionary peoples of the world that the delegates of the progressive journalists of the five continents, who regard it as a sacred duty to fight for the just revolutionary cause of the people, have met together today to discuss the ways of struggle against U.S. imperialist aggression. **(Applause.)**

This Conference will further enhance the militant role of the progressive journalists throughout the world in the struggle against the U.S. imperialists, and will thus arouse the masses of the people vigorously to the anti-imperialist, anti-U.S. struggle and contribute greatly to their common cause of socialism and national independence, peace and democracy. **(Prolonged, loud applause.)**

The progressive journalists and progressive publications—the advocate and propagator of advanced

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ideas and the mouthpiece and organizer of public opinion—play a very great inspiring role in the social revolution and construction.

As is known to all, it is the masses of the people who create history and develop it. This does not mean in any way, however, that the masses of the people can be drawn into the revolutionary struggle spontaneously. Only when they are armed with revolutionary consciousness and devote themselves to the sanguinary struggle for blowing up the upper crust of the old society, can the masses of the people truly become the main force of revolution, powerful motive force of social development and worthy creator of new history. It is the rule in any revolutionary movement that as the level of the consciousness of the popular masses who take part in it rises higher, they grow into a greater force and perform the decisive role in the revolutionary struggle. It is the progressive personages representing the interests of the popular masses, who should infuse the latter with revolutionary consciousness and enlighten them with progressive ideas. The progressive personalities fighting for the masses of the people arm them with the revolutionary idea of overthrowing the old system and building a new society, put up correct fighting slogans, encourage and rally the popular masses, and arouse them vigorously to the revolutionary struggle.

The progressive journalists—masters of advanced ideas and fighters who love justice and truth and clear away all manner of injustices and social evil—have severely condemned the decaying old system and sternly doomed the moribund reactionary ruling classes to fall, always correctly grasping the objective requirements of social development and gripping their revolutionary pen firmly in defence of the interests of the progressive classes. **(Applause.)**

In the arena of this sacred struggle, the progressive journalists shed much blood and fought heroically in defiance of all the harsh suppression by the reactionaries, and even in prison and on the gallows they fought bravely to the last moment of their lives without abandoning their revolutionary constancy. **(Applause.)** Thus, the journalists have performed really immortal feats that will go down in the history of struggle for the liberation of mankind. The people pay high tribute to the revolutionary journalists who shed their precious blood in the sacred battle for the liberation of mankind, and will long remember their feats. **(Prolonged, loud applause.)**

It is none other than you progressive journalists who are entrusted with the heavy and honorable tasks of inheriting those splendid traditions of the forerunners and, on this basis, scathingly condemning the crimes of U.S. imperialism that is blocking the way to the freedom and liberation of mankind, and of arousing the peoples of the whole world to turn out valiantly in the decisive battle against U.S. imperialism, the most heinous common enemy of humanity.

The progressive journalists the world over should fully expose the U.S. imperialists' policy of aggression and war and lay bare their brutal nature in the raw. In this way, they should mould broad public opinion against U.S. imperialism everywhere in the world. There must not be even the slightest illusion about U.S. imperialism. History clearly shows that spreading illusion about U.S. imperialism and preaching unprincipled compromise with it will only lead to dulling the revolutionary vigilance of the people, making the U.S. imperialists more arrogant and insolent, high-handed and outrageous, and to encouraging their manoeuvres of aggression and war. The progressive journalists throughout the world should widely propagate among the broad masses of the people the plain truth that a resolute fight should be waged against imperialism to the end and that only through a determined and stubborn struggle against the imperialist policy of aggression and war can the colonial fetters be thrown off, independence won, the already achieved revolutionary gains defended and further consolidated, and a durable peace preserved. **(Applause.)**

Along with this, they should educate the masses in the spirit of rejecting the ideas of worship and flunkeyism towards America, of fearing and submitting to America, and of dependence on America and in the spirit of implacable hatred against U.S. imperialism. The reactionary ideology of U.S. imperialism is an instrument for degrading people ideologically and making them politically deformed. The progressive journalists who are representatives of advanced ideas, should resolutely repel the reactionary ideological and cultural offensive of the U.S. imperialists. **(Applause.)**

When the revolutionary consciousness of the popular masses is enhanced through the energetic writing activities of progressive journalists on the ideological front, they will fight more tenaciously to crush U.S. imperialism, the heinous enemy of mankind. **(Applause.)**

It is a due revolutionary task of the progressive journalists of the world to actively support the people in all regions and all countries in their struggle against the imperialist forces of aggression headed by the U.S. imperialists.

The aggression of the imperialists led by the U.S. imperialists against the revolutionary peoples of the world is also a vicious attack on and challenge to the men of the press who are fighting in the cause of liberation of mankind. To defend the freedom of speech and the press and their rights and interests, the journalists should always breathe the same air and think in the same way with the heroic peoples of the whole world including the Vietnamese people who are fighting in arms against the U.S. imperialist aggressors, with the peoples who are gallantly engaged in building a new life, resolutely frustrating the subversive schemes of the foreign aggressors and domestic reactionaries, and with the working people of all countries who have turned out in the streets for resistance struggle and are denouncing the U.S. imperialists. **(Loud applause.)** So, all articles, critiques and political essays written by journalists should serve as a convincing indictment bringing the U.S. imperialists to the court of judgement by history, as a powerful militant banner inspiring the masses of the people to the anti-U.S. resistance struggle for national salvation. **(Prolonged, loud applause.)**

For the international movement of the progressive journalists to achieve a healthy development and attain its purpose, they should be united firmly under the banner of anti-imperialist, anti-U.S. struggle. Though the progressive journalists of all countries in the world live under differing social systems and their party affiliations and political views, customs and religious beliefs, nationalities and colours, languages and letters are different from each other, they are comrades-in-arms who are standing on the same front with the common ideas and fighting goal of opposing U.S. imperialism for peace and democracy, national independence and social progress. Only under the banner of anti-imperialist, anti-U.S. struggle, can the progressive journalists of the world be united on an extensive scale and can the international journalist movement contribute to the cause of justice of the world people effectively as a militant revolutionary movement. **(Applause.)** All the progressive journalists of the world should unite their strength in the struggle against U.S. imperialism and should denounce it in unison. **(Loud applause.)**

I express my firm confidence that through the sincere joint efforts of the delegates, the current International Journalist Conference will reach an agreement of views as to the ways of struggle against U.S. imperialist aggression and will score the desired results to live up to the expectations and hopes of the revolutionary peoples and progressive journalists throughout the world. **(Loud applause.)** I hope the Conference will thus write a glorious page in the annals of struggle of the world journalists against imperialism and colonialism. **(Prolonged, loud applause.)**

Dear Delegates!

You are not only delegates to the International Conference on the Tasks of Journalists of the Whole World in Their Fight against the Aggression of U.S. Imperialism but also are distinguished guests of our people.

It gives a great encouragement to our people who are threatened constantly with U.S. imperialism's direct aggression that anti-imperialist fighters have come from so many countries to attend this Conference in Pyongyang, the capital of our country. **(Applause.)**

The U.S. imperialists have been occupying half of our country for more than 20 years and maintain the most reactionary colonial military fascist rule in South Korea. They have turned South Korea into their complete colony, into a military base for invading the whole of Korea and Asia and, then, all the socialist countries, and trampled underfoot even the elementary democratic freedom and natural rights of the South Korean people and plunged them into a living hell ridden with famine and poverty, terrorism and murder. The U.S. imperialists and their faithful stooge, the puppet clique of South Korea, are trying by hook or by crook to perpetuate the division of Korea and smother the cherished national desire of the entire North and South Korean people for unification of the country. The occupation of South Korea by the U.S. imperialists and their policy of aggression are the root cause of all the miseries of our nation and the main obstacle to the unification of our country, and constitute a constant source of war in Korea. The supreme national task of the Korean people is to drive out the U.S. imperialist aggression army from South Korea, accomplish the national-liberation revolution and achieve the unification of the country.

The progressive journalists of the whole world, and you in particular, have expressed a deep understanding of and sympathy for the Korean people's cause of justice and always strongly castigated the policy of aggression and war pursued by the U.S. imperialists on the Korean peninsula. **(Applause.)** During the past Korean war which was unleashed by the U.S. imperialists with the brigandish wild design of swallowing up the whole of Korea, the progressive journalists of the world condemned the criminal atrocities of the U.S. imperialists and extended positive support and encouragement to our people who rose in defence of the freedom and independence of the country, national dignity and revolutionary gains, and even today they are wielding their powerful pen in support of the just struggle of the Korean people to drive out the U.S. imperialists and unify the artificially divided country. **(Applause.)** The International Journalist Prize awarded in the name of the progressive journalists of the world to Comrade Kim Jong Tae, an indomitable revolutionary fighter and passionate journalist born of the Korean people, is another expression of their great support to the righteous anti-imperialist revolutionary struggle of our people. **(Applause.)** For this, I should like to express my deep gratitude to you on behalf of the entire Korean people. **(Loud applause.)**

Our people receive you as their true friends, as reliable comrades-in-arms. Everywhere you go during your stay in our country, you will be accorded a warm welcome by our people and personally note their ardent desire to strengthen militant solidarity with the revolutionary peoples of the world.

For the commonness of their positions in the past and of their fighting goals, the Korean people have always stood firm by the oppressed peoples and supported their struggle for freedom and liberation in every way. The militant friendship and solidarity of our people with the revolutionary peoples of the world are further strengthened today. We regard this as an important guarantee of victory in our revolution and will continue, in future too, to strive tirelessly for firm militant solidarity with the peoples of all countries on the front of anti-imperialist, anti-U.S. struggle. **(Loud applause.)**

In conclusion, I should like to extend my militant greetings to you here present who are devotedly engaged in the sacred revolutionary cause of mankind and, through you, to the progressive journalists of the whole world, and sincerely wish yet greater success in the fruitful work of the revolutionary journalists, ardent anti-imperialist political figures.

(All rise. Prolonged, thunderous applause.)

The presidium of the International Conference on the Tasks of Journalists of the Whole World in Their Fight against the Aggression of U.S. Imperialism

Let Us Progressive Journalists of Five Continents Sternly Condemn U.S. Imperialism with Sharp Revolutionary Pen!

International Conference on the Tasks of Journalists of the Whole World in Their Fight against the Aggression of U.S. Imperialism Opens

The International Conference on the Tasks of Journalists of the Whole World in Their Fight against the Aggression of U.S. Imperialism opened at the Mangudae Assembly Hall in Pyongyang on September 18 under the auspices of the International Organization of Journalists.

Present at the conference was

Comrade KIM IL SUNG, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and Premier of the Cabinet of the D.P.R.K.

The conference opened at a time when U.S. imperialism is desperately trying to find a way out of their declining position in the intensification of the international tension and arms drive and in the provocation of a new war of aggression and at a time when the struggle of the people of the whole world against the policies of aggression and war pursued by imperialism headed by U.S. imperialism and for peace, democracy, national independence and socialism is further gaining in scope and strength as the days go by.

The conference which opened reflecting the lofty aspiration and desire of all the peoples and progressive journalists on the globe including the Korean people and journalists amid their warm congratulations and deep interest will discuss the militant tasks facing progressive journalists and men of the press of the whole world in the struggle against the policies of aggression and war pursued by imperialism, U.S. imperialism in particular, and for world peace and progress of mankind.

The conference at which genuine representatives of the world press circles are gathered in one place under the militant banner of struggle against the aggression of U.S. imperialism to discuss the tasks of their common struggle will help mobilize the broad anti-imperialist forces of the five continents and direct the spearhead of attack to the U.S. imperialists, No. 1 target of the struggle of the peoples the world over, deal collective blows at and bring pressure to bear upon the bandits in all regions and in all countries to which they have stretched out their tentacles of aggression and thereby contribute to shattering the strategy of the U.S. imperialists for world domination, defending world peace and bringing earlier national liberation, independence and democracy and the victory of socialism.

The conference will be one more formidable bomb dropped upon the heads of the U.S. imperialists, the main force of aggression and war, international gendarme, bulwark of modern colonialism and most ferocious enemy of the peoples of the whole world and a great encouragement to the world revolutionary peoples who have vigorously risen in the anti-imperialist, anti-U.S. struggle.

Hanging on the background of the platform were the national flag of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, our glorious fatherland, flanked on either side by a flag bearing the badge of the International Organization of Journalists and a flag with the badge of the World Conference of Anti-U.S. Journalists.

Attending the conference were the journalists' delegation of our country headed by Comrade Jong Jun Gi, Chairman of the Central Committee of the Korean Journalists' Union and Responsible Editor-in-Chief of **Rodong Sinmun**, delegation of revolutionary men of the press of South Korea who are waging a sanguinary struggle against the policy of colonial enslavement by the U.S. imperialist aggressors and their stooges Pak Jung Hi puppet clique, and for the democratic rights and the unification of the fatherland, delegation of the Association of Korean Pressmen in Japan who are waging a relentless struggle against fascist suppression by the Japanese militarists and for the democratic, national rights and the unification of the fatherland and delegates of Gambia, Occupied Arabs Gulf, Guinea, Guatemala, Costarica, Colombia, the Congo(L), the Congo(B), Cuba, Cyprus, Nigeria, Southern Yemen, South Vietnam, South Africa, Norway, Dahome, Denmark, Dominica, the German Democratic Republic, Togo, Laos, Rumania, Lebanon, Reunion, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mozambique, Mongolia, the United States, Mexico, Bulgaria, Bolivia, Burundi, Brazil, Venezuela, Belgium, Panama, Paraguay, Portugal, Portuguese Guinea and Cape Verde Islands, Poland, Puerto Rico, Peru, Upper Volta, South-West Africa, West Germany, Sudan, Syria, Sweden, the Soviet Union, Ceylon, the United Arab Republic, Argentina, Algeria, Angola, Britain, Australia, Austria, Uganda, Uruguay, Italy, Iraq, India, Indonesia, Japan, Equador, Eritrea, Spain, Hungary, Vietnam, Zimbabwe, Chile, Czechoslovakia, Canada, Kuwait, Kenya, Tanzania, Pakistan, Palestine, France, French Somalia, Finland, the Philippines, Greece, etc., delegates of 109 organizations in 86 countries of the five continents and delegates of 13 international democratic organizations, 209, all told.

Diplomatic envoys of various countries in Pyongyang were invited to the conference.

Men of the press of our country were also present at the conference as observers.

The attendants of the conference are intimate friends standing on the common front of the anti-imperialist, anti-U.S. struggle, though they are from various continents and countries of the world and they are different from each other in colour, language, nationality and conditions of struggle.

They gathered in one place with one aspiration and one ideal and the common goal of struggle against imperialism and colonialism headed by U.S. imperialism and for peace, democracy, national independence and socialism.

The faces of the attendants registered a great emotion and joy of holding this significant conference in Korea, a hero country, which humbled the arrogant U.S. imperialists for the first time in history and started them on the downgrade and proved the great truth that even a small country can defeat the U.S. imperialists when its entire people are united rock-firm with one ideology and one will and resolutely struggle, not fearing sacrifice.

Also read on their faces were a burning hatred for the U.S. imperialists and the noble desire and determination to make a contribution to the anti-imperialist, anti-U.S. struggle of the peoples of the whole world by incisively exposing and condemning with their sharp pens the policies of aggression and war pursued by U.S. imperialism.

At ten a.m. Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the 40 million Korean people, outstanding Marxist-Leninist, indomitable anti-imperialist revolutionary fighter and ever-victorious iron-willed brilliant commander, appeared on the platform. The entire attendants rose to their feet and warmly welcomed him with prolonged, thunderous applause.

Together with Comrade Kim Il Sung, Comrade Choi Yong Kun, Member of the Political Committee and its Presidium, of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Secretary of the Central Committee of the Party and President of the Presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly; Comrade Kim Il, Member of the Political Committee and its Presidium, of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Secretary of the Central Committee of the Party and First Vice-Premier of the Cabinet; Comrade Kim Gwang Hyop, Member of the Political Committee and its Presidium, of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Secretary of the Central Committee of the Party and Vice-Premier of the Cabinet; Comrade Pak Sung Chul, Member of the Political Committee of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Vice-Premier of the Cabinet and Minister of Foreign Affairs; Comrade Kim Dong Gyu, Candidate Member of the Political Committee of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and Secretary of the Central Committee of the Party; Comrade Kim Jung Rin, Candidate Member of the Political Committee of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and Secretary of the Central Committee of the Party; and Kang Ryang Wuk, Chairman of the Central Committee of the North Korean Democratic Party; Pak Shin Dok, Chairman of the Central Committee of the Religious Chongwu Party; and other functionaries of the Party and government organs and public organizations; the head of the delegation of South Korean revolutionary men of the press and the head of the delegation of the Association of Korean Pressmen in Japan mounted the platform.

Also in the platform party were Jiri Kubka, General Secretary of the International Organization of Journalists; Vice-Chairmen and Members of the Secretariat of the International Organization of Journalists, heads of the delegations of Guinea, Cuba, South Vietnam, the German Democratic Republic, Mongolia, Poland, the Soviet Union, the United Arab Republic and Vietnam, and Australian journalist and writer Wilfred Burchett.

Amid thunderous applause that shook the meeting hall, delegates attending the conference presented a basket of flowers to Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader of the Korean people. A red ribbon attached to the basket of flowers bore the words:

"To Comrade Kim Il Sung, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and Premier of the Cabinet of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea."

From Secretariat of the International Organization of Journalists, Attendants of the World Conference of Anti-U.S. Journalists" Jiri Kubka, General Secretary of the International Organization of Journalists, made an opening address.

After the opening address **Comrade KIM IL SUNG, the respected and beloved Leader of our people, made a congratulatory speech.**

When Comrade Kim Il Sung concluded his congratulatory speech, Jiri Kubka, General Secretary of the International Organization of Journalists, expressed thanks to Comrade Kim Il Sung on behalf of the entire attendants of the conference and wished him good health and a long life.

All the attendants rose to their feet and expressed the highest respect to him, warmly welcoming him with prolonged stormy applause.

Telegrams of greetings sent to Premier Kim Il Sung by Ahmed Sekou Toure, President of the Republic of Guinea, and Ahmed Hassan Al-bakr, President of the Republic of Iraq, in connection with the convening of the World Conference of Anti-U.S. Journalists in the capital of our country, were read out amid enthusiastic applause.

With a clarion sound of bugles, a congratulatory group of the Korean Young Pioneers entered the meeting hall, respectfully carrying a portrait of Marshal Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader.

Having entered the meeting hall with the placards bearing the slogans "Long live Marshal Kim Il Sung!" "Long live the Workers' Party of Korea!" "Warm congratulations to the World Conference of Anti-U.S. Journalists!" "Let us direct the spearhead to the U.S. imperialists!" "Let us drive out U.S. imperialism and unify the fatherland!" and the badges of the International Organization of Journalists and the World Conference of Anti-U.S. Journalists and a picture showing U.S. imperialism being mutilated in all parts of the world, the congratulatory group presented bouquets to Marshal Kim Il Sung, the fatherly Leader, and to the members of the platform party and all the delegates attending the conference and put red neckerchiefs around their necks.

They read a congratulatory message warmly welcoming the World Conference of Anti-U.S. Journalists.

The conference continues.

Congratulatory Speech of Comrade KIM IL SUNG Has Clearly Shown Us the Path to Follow

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Comrade Kim Il Sung, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and Premier of the Cabinet of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, made a congratulatory speech at the first-day sitting of the International Conference on the Tasks of Journalists of the Whole World in Their Fight against the Aggression of U.S. Imperialism, which opened in Pyongyang on September 18. His congratulatory speech is calling forth wide response from the delegates to the conference.

Our "Pyongyang Times" reporters interviewed many of the delegates who made their remarks on the congratulatory speech of Comrade Kim Il Sung.

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Premier KIM IL SUNG's Speech Gives a High New Spirit and Inspiration to Us

Sarath Cooray, Editor of **Sinhale**, Ceylon, made the following remarks on the Premier Kim Il Sung's congratulatory speech delivered at the opening session of the conference:

The precious, brilliant and correct analysis made by Premier Kim Il Sung, the glorious leader of the entire Korean nation and outstanding teacher of the anti-imperialist forces, on U.S. imperialism in the opening ceremony of the Conference of Journalists of the Whole World in Their Fight against the Aggression of U.S. Imperialism gave a high new spirit and inspiration to us in fulfilling our role in the conference.

The Premier's awakening speech will act as a great text-book that would be studied very closely by the delegates as well as a sharp weapon which would act in defeating the enemy.

It is really a guiding light for the entire conference. The lofty revolutionary ideals, perfect Marxist-Leninist thinking and rich experience in the anti-U.S., anti-imperialist struggle possessed by Premier Kim Il Sung really inspired us journalists from all continents in determining our tasks of fighting U.S. imperialism in our respective countries. His enlightening speech was also symbolic of the profound internationalist feeling of the Korean people in the anti-U.S. struggle and induced us to dedicate ourselves thoroughly in our joint efforts to defeat the U.S. imperialists and annihilate them totally.

I firmly believe that, inspired by Premier Kim Il Sung's speech and holding high the torch of anti-U.S., anti-imperialist struggle, we journalists will contribute our part in burning down the U.S. imperialists and all their dirty allies for ever.

I express my deep gratitude and high admiration to Premier Kim Il Sung, the great inspirer of anti-U.S. struggle and brilliant and outstanding strategist against imperialism of our times for adorning our conference with his supreme presence and for contributing with his such a historic speech of supreme importance and ever-shining value.

Comrade KIM IL SUNG Brightly Illumines the Path for Us to Follow

Abdul Aziz Abdul Rahman, head of the delegation of the People's Front for the Liberation of the Occupied Arabs Gulf and Chief Editor of **Sot Al Shab**, the organ of the People's Front for the Liberation of the Occupied Arabs Gulf, said as follows:

In his congratulatory speech at the opening session today Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the 40 million Korean people, touched upon in detail the duties and tasks of the current conference and brightly illumined the path for us to follow.

I am convinced that the conference will be greatly successful, for Comrade Kim Il Sung was present at the conference in person and made a congratulatory speech.

As Comrade Kim Il Sung said, U.S. imperialism has become the common enemy of all the peoples of the world. U.S. imperialism is the chieftain of world imperialism. Therefore, it is necessary for the peoples of all countries fighting for democracy, socialism, national independence and freedom to join efforts on one front of the anti-imperialist, anti-U.S. struggle to direct their spearhead of attack to U.S. imperialism.

Comrade Kim Il Sung is not only the great Leader of the Korean people but also the Leader of the peoples of the whole world who are fighting against imperialism and for freedom and independence.

Comrade Kim Il Sung is, indeed, not only a great fighter and Leader but a brilliant theoretician who has newly developed Marxism-Leninism.

In his congratulatory speech he also referred to the aggressive acts of the U.S. imperialists who have been occupying South Korea for more than twenty years.

We think that entirely right is the programme of the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea designed to accomplish the unification of the country by the Korean people themselves in a peaceful way and without interference of any outside forces after driving out the U.S. imperialists from South Korea, and we fully support it.

Fighting Programme Run Through with Thorough-going Revolutionary Ideas

Mario Pando Monge, delegate of the National Association of Bolivian Journalists, said:

It is, first of all, my greatest happiness and honour to have a chance to listen to the speech of the great Leader of revolution Comrade Kim Il Sung at this conference.

His speech is a fighting programme run through with thorough-going revolutionary ideas, which serves as an inspiring guiding compass in the activities of the journalists.

I should like to pay a highest tribute to his excellent line of defeating the imperialists ultimately.

The great idea of Comrade Kim Il Sung is a completely new revolutionary idea in the world revolutionary ideas and theories; it is an original idea making great contributions to the revolutionaries of the world.

The lines and strategy of anti-imperialist, anti-U.S. struggle expounded by Comrade Kim Il Sung and his speech today, in particular, constitute a true guiding compass showing how the revolutionary journalists should fight.

Comrade Kim Il Sung is, indeed, a great personage who is leading the world revolution.

I have come to have a clear understanding through my eyes and ears that Comrade Kim Il Sung is not only the prominent Leader of the Korean revolution but a great Leader of the revolutionary peoples of the whole world.

A Guide to Action in the World Anti-U.S., Anti-Imperialist Struggle

Pantelides P. Michael, political writer of **Phyleleptheros**, Cyprus, said as follows:

It gives me a great pleasure to have seen the respected and beloved Leader Marshal Kim Il Sung at the first-day sitting.

What I hoped most at the time of departure from Cyprus was to have an honour of meeting Marshal Kim Il Sung.

Today I saw him and I have my cherished hope fulfilled. This alone gives me much satisfaction.

And his speech gripped my heart again. I heard his speech with keen attention. It is not merely a speech, but a document of great significance that we should study more deeply.

The speech of Comrade Kim Il Sung will not only make the conference success but also serve as a guide to action in the future anti-U.S., anti-imperialist struggle of the world peoples and in the Cyprian people's struggle against the U.S. imperialists, the common enemy of the world peoples.

His speech made clear my duty as a journalist. I'll do my best to discharge my duty, and back home, I'll pay a just price for my visit to Korea, as a friend of the heroic Korean people.

A Grand Pyongyang City Mass Rally Held in Honour of Delegates to World Anti-U.S. Journalists' Conference

A grand Pyongyang city mass meeting welcoming anti-imperialist revolutionary journalists and men of the press who came to our country to attend the International Conference on the Tasks of Journalists of the Whole World in Their Fight against the Aggression of U.S. Imperialism was held on September 18 at the Moranbong Stadium in Pyongyang, the capital of revolution, with the attendance of over 100,000 citizens.

Respectfully put up in the centre of the stadium was a portrait of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the 40 million Korean people, who enjoys the absolute trust and high respect of the revolutionary peoples of the whole world as a great Marxist-Leninist and one of the outstanding leaders of the international communist and working-class movements. Floating high above the stadium was a huge balloon with streamers bearing the slogans "Long live Comrade Kim Il Sung!" "Long live the Workers' Party of Korea!"

Put up here and there in the stadium were streamers and slogans reading: "Let us firmly arm ourselves with the great revolutionary ideas of Comrade Kim Il Sung!" "Let us defend with our lives the Central Committee of the Party headed by Comrade Kim Il Sung!" "Let us inherit and develop the brilliant revolutionary traditions of our Party!" "Let us drive out the U.S. imperialists and unify the fatherland!" "Let us intensify the anti-imperialist, anti-U.S. struggle!"

Also floating high above the stadium was a balloon with a streamer bearing the words "Warm congratulations to the International Conference of Journalists of the Whole World Struggling against U.S. Imperialist Aggressors!"

Invited to the meeting were delegates of progressive journalists from the five continents to the World Conference of Anti-U.S. Journalists and foreign guests and cultural attaches of foreign embassies in Pyongyang.

Present on the occasion were Comrade Pak Sung Chul, Member of the Political Committee of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and Vice-Premier of the Cabinet and Minister of Foreign Affairs; and Comrade Kim Dong Gyu, Candidate Member of the Political Committee and Secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea; and responsible functionaries of the Party and government organs and public organizations and press organs.

As the guests appeared in the meeting place, the stadium turned into a veritable sea of flowers and cheers and ovation shook the earth.

A multitude of balloons soared high in the sky. A scene showing the prosperity and development of Chollima Korea which has been converted into an earthly paradise was unfolded on the background and the slogan "Warm welcome to the delegates to the World Conference of Anti-U.S. Journalists!" in Korean, Russian, English, French and Spanish appeared by turns.

Women labour innovators presented the guests with bunches of fragrant flowers.

The meeting opened with the playing of the national anthem of our country.

Kang Hi Won, Chairman of the Pyongyang City People's Committee, made a welcome speech.

During his speech the background presented a scene showing the anti-Japanese guerillas infinitely faithful to the Leader valiantly fighting down brigandish Japanese imperialism with the peak of Mt. Baekdu symbolizing the brilliant revolutionary traditions of our Party established by Comrade Kim Il Sung

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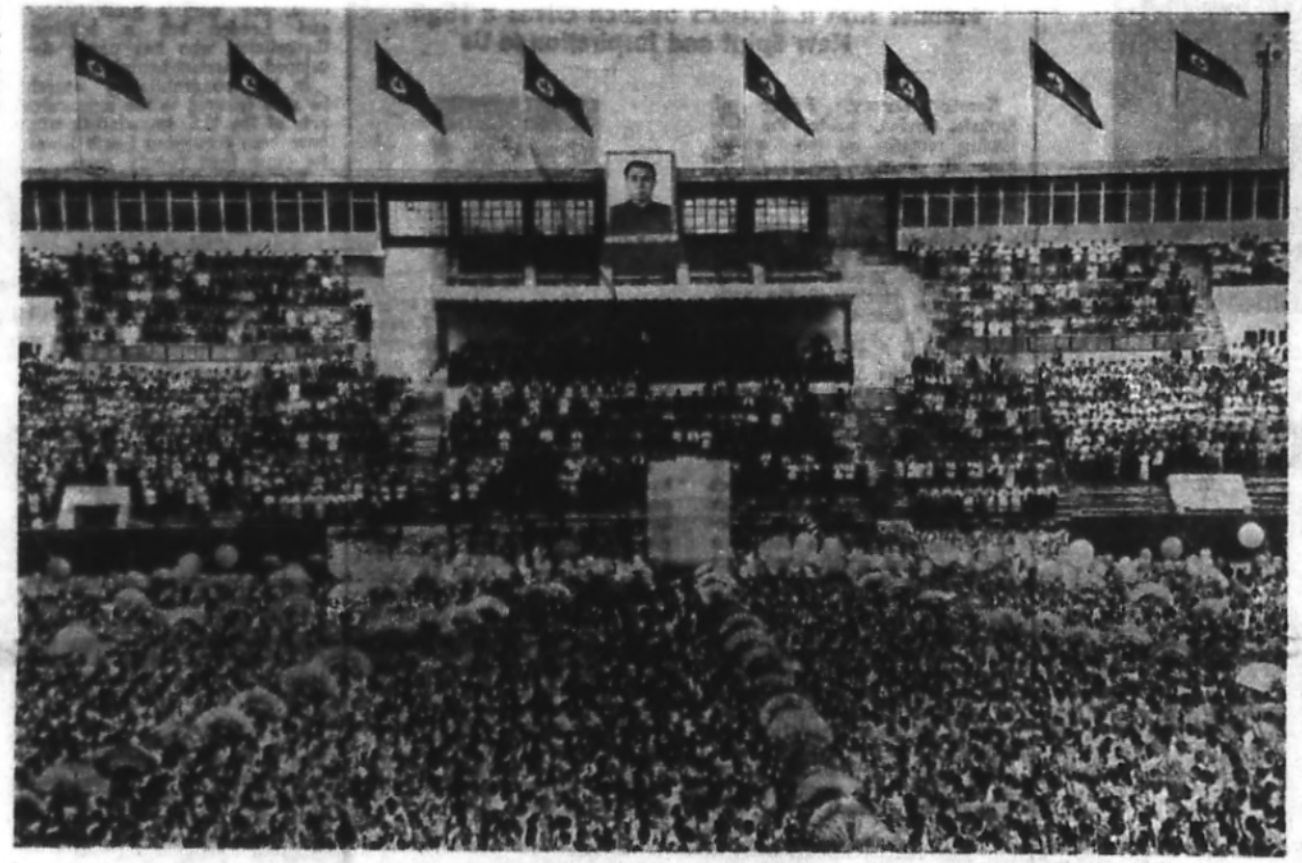

Pyongyang city mass rally welcoming the delegates to the International Conference on the Tasks of Journalists of the Whole World in Their Fight against the Aggression of U.S. Imperialism

U.S. Imperialism—the Sworn Enemy of the Korean People (3)

U.S. Imperialists' Intensification of New War Machinations in Korea

Comrade Kim Il Sung said as follows:

"In spite of their ignominious defeat in their aggressive war against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the U.S. imperialists still refuse to give up their aggressive design to conquer the whole of Korea and are incessantly manoeuvring to unleash another war in Korea." (Kim Il Sung, *Selected Works*, Vol. IV, pp. 522-523.)

The three-year-long Fatherland Liberation War against the U.S. imperialist aggressors fully demonstrated the invincible might of the heroic Korean people and showed that by no means and methods could the U.S. imperialist aggressors conquer the Korean people.

Nevertheless, in the postwar period, too, the U.S. imperialists, far from abandoning their century-old ambition to occupy the whole of Korea, have been continuously occupying South Korea and obstructing in every possible way the unification of Korea, while frantically making preparations for another aggressive war against the northern half of the Republic.

The preparations of the U.S. imperialists for another war in Korea have been further pushed forward particularly in recent years.

The numerical strength of the U.S. imperialist aggression army occupying South Korea reached more than 60,000 men already in 1964 and it sharply increased after the incident of the intrusion by the U.S. imperialists' armed spy ship "Pueblo" into the territorial waters of our country.

The U.S. imperialists newly set up the "U.S. 5th Air Force Front Command" in Osan in South Korea in March 1968, and brought in more than 200 fighter-bombers and increased their air force by more than 12,000 men. In April this year they again shipped into South Korea a group of "F-4 Phantom" fighters from their mainland.

They are massing their ground forces along the Military Demarcation Line and redeploying their air and naval forces so that they might launch a surprise attack and "forestalling attack" on the northern half of the Republic, prattling that the advantages of surprise attack were confirmed in the Middle East war.

The U.S. imperialists are running wild to turn South Korea into a base for direct military action capable of conducting an all-out war.

They brought a large number of tactical nuclear weapons and guided missiles into South Korea and built bases for these weapons, thereby converting it into an advance atomic base.

Even according to their announcement, 34 atomic weapon and missile bases were completed in South Korea in 1968.

Since June 1968 they have been building five-fold attack positions between the areas north of the Han River and the areas along the Military Demarcation Line. And they are building military air fields, naval ports, military roads and railways on a large scale everywhere in South Korea.

The U.S. imperialist aggressors have increased the South Korean puppet army and modernized its equipment in a big way.

The U.S. imperialists expanded the ground force of the puppet army from 16 divisions right after the ceasefire to 29 divisions and 4 brigades, and have newly formed pentomic and guided missile units and increased the puppet naval and air forces on a large scale.

Today they maintain a standing puppet army 700,000 strong serving their policy of aggression and war.

The U.S. imperialists and the Pak Jung Hi clique reorganized reserve divisions into combat divisions and formed many new combat units. As a result, the puppet army increased some 100,000 men in recent years.

In order to mobilize all manpower resources of South Korea and increase their mercenaries, the U.S. imperialists pressganged more than two million young and middle-aged people into the "Local Reserve Army", and are now hurrying with fully arming it.

They are madly stepping up the modernization of the puppet army's military equipment, along with the reinforcement of its numerical strength.

To this end they have introduced into South Korea "M-16" rifles, new-type tanks, large-calibered, long-ranged guns, "Hawk" "Nike-Hercules" and other guided missiles, 8-inch howitzers capable of firing atomic warheads, new-type military vehicles, various warships and vessels including "rocket-supporting vessels," "F-5A" supersonic planes and other new-type military planes on a large scale.

Recently they handed over even "Phantom" jets to the South Korean puppet army. In August this year they shipped in eight "F-4D" Phantom fighter-bombers to transfer them to the puppet army. In September they are going to give it another ten.

Thus, today South Korea has been converted into a complete aggressive military base of the U.S. imperialists for the provocation of another war and into a huge army camp where large military forces are massed.

While stepping up madly war preparations in South Korea, the U.S. imperialists are in a frenzy to enlist the militarist forces of Japan and other reactionaries of Asia in another aggressive war in Korea.

For this purpose the "South Korea-Japan talks" that had been drawn for more than ten years was brought to hasty conclusion in 1965 and the "South Korea-Japan Treaty" was signed under the active manipulation of the U.S. imperialists.

With the conclusion of the "South Korea-Japan Treaty" a tripartite military alliance has been virtually formed among the U.S. imperialists, the Japanese militarists and the South Korean puppet clique and the scheme of the U.S. imperialists to draw the Japanese militarist forces in a war of aggression against Korea has become more undisguised.

The Japanese militarists, actively following the U.S. imperialists' policy of war, are frantically promoting preparations for the dispatch of their "Self-defence Forces" to the Korean front in the name of the "U.N. forces" in case the U.S. imperialists start

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during the anti-Japanese armed struggle as a background.

Then, unfolded on it were pictures showing the struggle of our people for the enforcement of all the democratic reforms and the founding of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea under the wise leadership of Comrade Kim Il Sung after liberation, matchless courage and mass heroism displayed by our people and People's Army during the past Fatherland Liberation War against the aggression of U.S. imperialism and the struggle of our people who have converted their country into a most advanced socialist power by embodying the great idea of *Juche* of Comrade Kim Il Sung in all fields.

The floor was taken by Jiri Kubka, General Secretary of the International Organization of Journalists; Huynh Van Tieng, head of the delegation of the Association of the Vietnamese Journalists; Ernesto Verra, head of the delegation of Cuban journalists; Domingos da Silva, head of the delegation of the Angolan People's Liberation Movement; Ahmad Abbas Abu Husein, head of the delegation of the Palestinian Liberation Organization; Gerhard Liebig, member of the delegation of journalists of the German Democratic Republic; and Mohamed Kamel Mohamed Aly Zoheiry, head of the delegation of the Press Syndicate of the UAR.

During speeches, the background showed pictures of the revolutionary peoples of the world pooling strength and cutting limbs off U.S. imperialism, tearing to pieces the dirty blood-stained flag of U.S. imperialism and other pictures.

At the meeting, the attending crowds confirmed their firm resolve to thoroughly arm themselves with the great revolutionary ideas of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader, and, under his wise leadership, to drive the U.S. imperialist aggressors, the sworn enemy, and their stooges out of South Korea and accomplish the historic cause of national unification and to march forward uniting strength with the revolutionary peoples the world over till imperialism is wiped off the surface of the globe.

The meeting closed with the playing of the "Song of Anti-Imperialist Struggle."

Anti-U.S. Music and Dance Combined Performance Given by KPA Song and Dance Ensemble in Welcome of Delegates to World Conference of Anti-U.S. Journalists

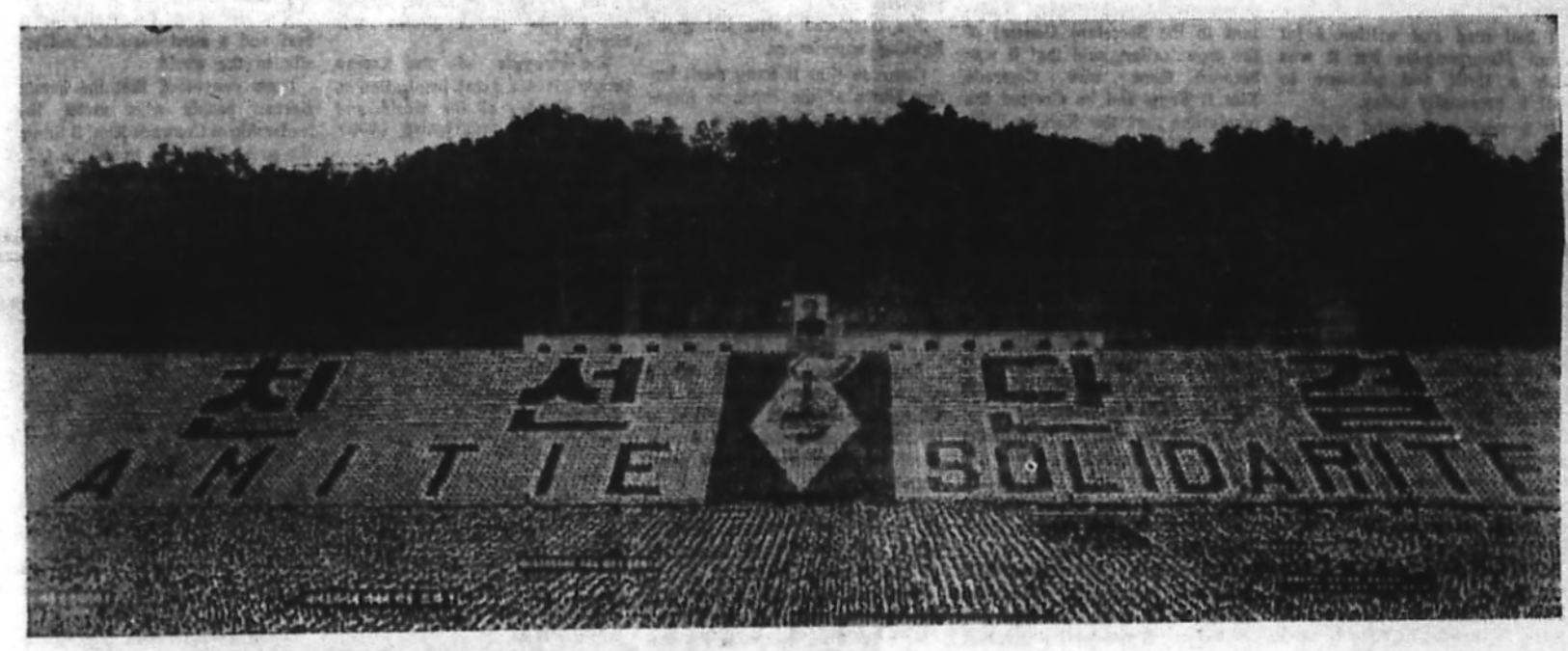
An anti-U.S. music and dance combined performance was given by the Song and Dance Ensemble of the Korean People's Army on the evening of September 17 at the Moranbong Theatre in welcome of the delegates to the International Conference on the Tasks of Journalists of the Whole World in Their Fight against the Aggression of U.S. Imperialism.

Invited to see the performance were the representatives of international organizations and the representatives of journalists and men of the press from different countries.

The performance well showed the revolutionary spirit, militant mettle of our people and the heroic Korean People's Army who are firmly defending the eastern outpost of socialism under the wise leadership of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader of the 40 million Korean people, who always leads our people to victory and glory.

Each piece of the program was run through with the steadfast anti-imperialist, anti-U.S. stand and burning revolutionary fighting spirit of our people to wage a stauncher struggle against the U.S. imperialists and their allies, sweep the U.S. imperialist aggressors off South Korea and accomplish the revolutionary cause of the country's unification, holding aloft the strategic line of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, on tearing the limbs off the U.S. imperialist aggressors, No. 1 enemy of the world people, the chieftain of imperialism and the main force of war and aggression.

The theatre was overflowing with the anti-imperialist, anti-U.S. sentiments and militant mettle.



The letters symbolizing the friendship and solidarity of the journalists of five continents appear on the background

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another war of aggression in Korea and have drawn such plans of joint operations with the U.S. imperialist aggression army as the "Operation Three Arrows," the "Operation Flying Dragon" and the "Operation Running Bull".

To participate in another war of aggression that the U.S. imperialists will start, the Japanese militarists have moved and deployed the "Self-defence Forces" in the western areas of Japan near Korea and are conducting extensively "exercises for mountain operation and landing operation" and "cold-resistance exercise" in those areas with the climatic and topographical conditions similar to those of Korea and teach men of the "Self-defence Forces" even the Korean language.

The Japanese militarists not only are stepping up preparations for participating in another war of aggression in Korea as the "shock force" of U.S. imperialism but also actually join the U.S. imperialists in the military operations for the provocation of another war.

This was clearly proved by the facts that the U.S. imperialists' armed spy ship "Pueblo" and spy plane "EC-121" had their bases in Japan and made intrusions into the territorial waters and air space of our country in active cooperation with the reactionary Sato clique of Japan according to the U.S. imperialists' new war plan and that as soon as the U.S. imperialist armed spy ship "Pueblo" was captured by the self-defence measures of the Korean People's Army, the Japanese "Self-defence Forces" were placed under "emergency combat alert" together with the U.S. imperialist aggression forces deployed in the Far East.

The U.S. imperialists are also desperately seeking to form a new aggressive military alliance with their satellites and puppets in the Pacific-Asian areas in order to involve the Asian reactionaries in another war of aggression in Korea.

As is known, this scheme has become more frantic after the war-maniacs Nixonites installed themselves in administration. The U.S. imperialists are plotting to form an "Asian-Pacific Treaty Organization," rig up a Nato-like "anti-communist crusade some 2.5 million strong with Japan as its first line commander under the command of the U.S. army" with troops of its member states, and thus to further expand the aggressive war in Asia and start another war of aggression against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

While stepping up preparations for another war in an all-round way as seen above, the U.S. imperialists have incessantly committed various military provocations against the northern half of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Various military provocations and violations of the Armistice Agreement committed by the U.S. imperialists against our side from July 1953 when the Armistice Agreement was signed to the end of May 1969 run into as many as 67,520-odd cases.

The military provocations by the U.S. imperialists have been further intensified particularly after Johnson, the war boss of U.S. imperialism, came to South Korea in October 1966 to fan a new aggressive war and have reached a really reckless stage in recent years.

On November 3 last year the U.S. imperialist aggressors mobilized an armed force more than 1,000 strong and conducted unprecedentedly large-scale armed attacks on our side under cover of fire of various guns in three directions in the eastern and western sectors of the front. Last year alone more than 2,000 armed attacks were made on our side. The figure is over three times greater than in the previous year in the number of cases and more than six times than the number of armed bandits mobilized by the U.S. imperialists for armed attacks in the past 14 years since the truce.

The U.S. imperialists are incessantly conducting military provocations on land as well as on sea and in the air.

Such armed attacks against the D.P.R.K. in which many combatants, various guns, tanks, planes and war ships take part are actions for the provocation of a war that fully assume a character of real combat operations.

Along with military provocations, the U.S. imperialists are staging almost every day large-scale war exercises for the imaginary attack against the northern half of the Republic. In March this year they conducted a military exercise for airlifting to South Korea a large armed force and large quantities of war materials from the U.S. mainland under the name of "Operation Focus Retina."

They raved openly that the so-called "largest-scale airlift operation in history" was aimed at "testing the airlifting capacity" for carrying on a war of aggression against the northern half of the Republic and "demonstrating" it.

In order to start another war the U.S. imperialist aggressors have been committing more openly brigandish espionage activities against our country in recent years.

As is widely known to the world, the U.S. imperialist aggressors sent their armed spy ship "Pueblo" into the territorial waters of our country in January last year and their spy plane "EC-121" into our territorial air space in April this year to spy out our state and military secrets.

These are a villainous robber's action, a wanton violation of a sovereign state and a premeditated move to start another war of aggression in Korea.

When their armed spy ship and espionage plane received due punishments by the self-defence measures of the Korean People's Army, the U.S. imperialists massed their large armed force on the seas near our country and in South Korea and openly threa-

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It Is of Very Important Significance to Hold in Korea W.C.J. against U.S. Imperialism

Foreign Guests Visit Various Places

Foreign guests now staying in our country are visiting various places in and around Pyongyang —historic Mangyongdae, factories, enterprises, co-op farms and cultural organs.

On September 11, P.L. Lakhanpal, Chief Editor of the **Evening View** and Chairman of the All-India Democratic Party, paid a visit to Mangyongdae, the cradle of our revolution where Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader of the 40 million Korean people, was born and spent his childhood.

Saying that he is very happy to visit Mangyongdae, P.L. Lakhanpal remarked: I feel that, back to India, I should tell the entire people about the great Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung.

Leaving Mangyongdae, he made the following entry in the guest-book:

I had read and written a lot about Mangyongdae but it was such a thrill and pleasure to visit it personally today.

It is such a beautiful place, a cradle of revolution, and a source of inspiration not only for the Korean people but revolutionaries and socialists throughout the world.

It is an honoured and hallowed place for people throughout the world, being the birthplace of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader of 40 million Koreans, and the greatest living socialist theoretician and military genius commander of all times, under whose sagacious guidance DPRK has become a real socialist paradise on earth, and who is regarded as a new beacon of world revolution by socialists in every country.

DPRK is truly the pride of Asia and the line laid down by Comrade Kim Il Sung for concerting attacks by smaller nations on U.S. imperialism is the most correct line for dealing a death blow to world imperialism and reaction today of which U.S. is the chieftain.

Asian, African and Latin American peoples are specially grateful to Comrade Kim Il Sung for support to national liberation struggles and are proud of him for having inflicted a crushing defeat on U.S. imperialism thus shattering the myth of invincibility of the so-called mightiest nation in the world.

I am proud of having visited Mangyongdae. I will always remember the experience. It will always inspire me to action along the right lines laid down by Comrade Kim Il Sung to improve the lot of common man and fight against world colonialism, imperialism and reaction in every country of the world. Long live Comrade Kim Il Sung!

On the morning of the same day, the delegation of the Tricontinental People's Solidarity Organisation paid a visit to the Museum of Korean Revolution.

Looking round the Museum, Domingos Amuchastegui, Assistant to the Secretary General of the organisation, said that it was because there was Comrade Kim Il Sung and he directed the revolution that the Korean revolution could emerge victorious. He expressed admiration over the sagacious leadership of Comrade Kim Il Sung who led the anti-Japanese armed struggle along the one road of victory.

R. Masood, Secretary of the Executive Secretariat of the Organisation of Solidarity of the Peoples of Asia, Africa and Latin America, said that all visitors will receive good education through this museum. He added:

Through my visit to the museum this time, I learned well how the great idea of *Juche* of Comrade Kim Il Sung and the revolutionary spirit of self-reliance were translated into reality.

Juche and self-reliance—this was not brought to realisation yesterday or today but was embodied by Comrade Kim Il Sung already in the early years of the anti-Japanese armed struggle.

It is thanks to this great spirit that the Korean people came off victorious in the anti-Japanese armed struggle and are winning victory in all fields even today.

Earlier, Wilfred Burchett, journalist and writer of Australia, and Roger Pic, journalist and cameraman of France, visited revolutionary battle sites in Ryanggang Province.

Wilfred Burchett said as follows:

Today I came to know and learned much about the successes scored by the Korean people, particularly, about the history of struggle of the Korean people and its root.

We were more deeply moved, upon learning that Comrade Kim Il Sung set forth the independent line of carrying out the Korean revolution by the Korean people themselves on the Korean soil.

Today I visited revolutionary battle sites including Bochonbo, the Chongbong bivouac and Samjiyon lake, and got a deep impression.

The Bochonbo battle left great fighting experiences.

Comrade Kim Il Sung dealt heavy blows at the Japanese imperialists on the Korean soil.

The victory in the Bochonbo battle is of great military significance.

The Bochonbo battle showed that the Korean people could win victory over the Japanese imperialists who were stronger than them, when they rose up in the struggle in firm unity with arms in hand.

Anti-Japanese guerrillas wrote slogans on tree trunks in the Chongbong bivouac. It seems to be simple but, I think, is a political propaganda means of great significance.

During the Korean war, I was in Korea and saw the fighting spirit and the art of leadership of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Today I came to realise that the fighting spirit of the Korean people is linked up with the Bochonbo battle.

The Korean people have attained very great successes in economic construction displaying the valuable fighting spirit with which they fought against the Japanese and U.S. imperialists.

I am very glad to see the factors which contributed to all successes of the Korean people in their struggle.

The destiny of the Korean people is directly associated with Comrade Premier Kim Il Sung.

I wish Premier Kim Il Sung good health and a long life.

It is of very important significance to hold in Korea the International Conference on the Tasks of Journalists of the Whole World in Their Fight against the Aggression of U.S. Imperialism.

It is because Korea was the first to administer a crushing defeat to the U.S. imperialists. And the conference will help many journalists of the world understand the reality of Korea.

Powerful is the strength of the Korean people.

Their strength is incomparably stronger than in the Korean war.

The capture of "Pueblo" by the Korean people shows this clearly.

The struggle of the Korean people gives a great inspiration to many peoples of the world and even to the progressive people in the United States.

They visited historic Mangyongdae on the 12th and the Chollima Kangson Steel Plant on the 13th.

Ize Aye-Omoregie, General Secretary of the Newspaper Workers' Union of Nigeria, visited the Chollima Honoured Disabled Soldiers' Fountain-pen Factory on the 13th where Comrade Kwon Rye Gyong works.

The previous day he went to Kim Il Sung University.

He wrote in the guest-book as follows:

It is the great Comrade Kim Il Sung who founded the state of workers, peasants and intellectuals on the soil of Chollima Korea. I learned that his instruction on training intellectuals among the working class is being materialised at this university.

Comrade Kim Il Sung making revolution is shedding light on the Asian people and indicating the road of self-determination to the Asian, African and Latin American countries.

Kim Il Sung University is a best and a most beautiful university in the world.

I am convinced that the heroic Korean people who, under the leadership of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Red sun, made the U.S. imperialists shudder will certainly smash to smithereens all falsehood of the enemy in the future, too.

The delegation of the Supreme Revolutionary Council of the Congo (L), the delegates of Guinean, Mali and Italian journalists, the delegate of the Mauritanian press agency "Nouakchott-Information" and the delegate of the Pan-African Youth Movement looking round the Fatherland Liberation War Memorial

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tened to attack the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, clamouring about so-called "retaliation" like a thief crying: Stop thief.

In recent years war chieftains of U.S. imperialism such as U.S. Secretary of the Army, U.S. Secretary of the Air Force and Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army and Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. Forces in the Pacific area have crept into South Korea one after another and visited the areas along the Military Demarcation Line and military bases to direct war preparations on the spot.

In the ten months from February to November last year more than 200 war chieftains and warmongers came to South Korea over 40 times.

Along with this, the U.S. imperialists call the South Korean puppets to their den every month to have talks for war.

In August this year Nixon, boss of U.S. imperialism, directly summoned traitor Pak Jung Hi to San Francisco to hatch a plot for the provocation of a war.

All this shows glaringly how desperately the U.S. imperialists are trying to start another war of aggression in Korea.

Due to the frantic new war machinations of the U.S. imperialists, today there has been created a very grave, tense situation in which a new war may break out at any moment in Korea.

Peace in Korea is maintained entirely by the persevering efforts and struggle of our people and the struggle of the world peace-loving people.

In his answers to the questions raised by the delegation of the Democratic Youth League of Finland for the **Kansan Uutiset**, central organ of the Communist Party of Finland, Comrade Kim Il Sung said as follows:

"We fight with all consistency to prevent war and maintain peace, but we are not at all afraid of the imperialists pouncing upon us by force of arms. If the U.S. imperialists and their lackeys go the length of unleashing another total war against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea despite our repeated warnings and the unanimous condemnation of the peace-loving peoples of the world, we will definitely return them a total war, and will thoroughly annihilate the aggressors."

Today the most powerful defence system has been established in the northern half of the Republic on the basis of the unshakable political and ideological unity of the entire people and on solid foundations of an independent national economy.

The military line of our Party set forth by Comrade Kim Il Sung, the basic contents of which are training of the whole army into a cadre army, its modernization, the arming of the entire people and the fortification of the whole country, has been brilliantly carried out, with the result that our defence potential has grown indestructible.

The heroic Korean People's Army, successor to the brilliant revolutionary traditions of the glorious anti-Japanese armed struggle, has grown into a revolutionary armed force each of whose men is a match for a hundred, and the entire people are under arms and the whole country has been turned into an impregnable fortress.

The Korean people, closely united around Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of our people, ever-victorious iron-willed brilliant commander and military strategist-genius, are fully prepared to wipe out the enemies to the last man no matter when and where they may attack us.

The Korean people will never become the colonial slaves of the U.S. imperialist war-mongers even if they die in the decisive battle against the U.S. imperialists.

Should the U.S. imperialists venture to start a war, the Korean people will rise like one man and annihilate the enemy, and thus take their revenge on the enemy U.S. imperialists who have been engaged in aggression against our country for more than 100 years, defend the gains of socialism, liberate South Korea and accomplish the cause of the country's unification without fail.

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